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FOR HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR AO US CASC YO (TOTH, LELO)

SUBJ: EXECUTION OF GEARHART AND TOTH CASE

REF: STATE 169645

1. WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERNARDIC OUT SICK, I ASKED
POLCOUNS TO CALL ON COUNSELOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS
POZNANOVIC CONCERNING GEARHART AND TOTH.

2. POLCOUNS EXPRESSED MY "REGRET THAT SECRETARY MINIC NOT
MORE EFFECTIVE IN HEADING OFF THE EXECUTION OF GEARHART."
POZNANOVIC RESPONDED THAT HE HAD THIS SUBJECT ON THE TIP OF
HIS TONGUE, THAT HE WISHED TO ASSURE US THE YUGOSLAVS HAD
DONE THEIR BEST BUT THAT THEY HAD MET WITH "UTTER
REBUFF" FROM THE ANGOLANS. POZNANOVIC CHARACTERIZED
EXECUTION AS REFLECTING "A REPULSIVE SORT OF ATTITUDE WHICH
YUGOSLAVS DEPLORED".

3. RE TOTH, ALL OF POINTS RAISED IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL MADE BY
POLCOUNS IN STRONGEST TERMS. PARTICULAR STRESS LAID ON
CRUELTY OF KEEPING TOTH IN DARK NOW THAT DECISION MADE
TO RELEASE HIM. SPECIFIC DATE AND ACCESS REQUESTED.
POZNANOVIC RESPONDED THAT THEY STILL NOT IN A POSITION
TO GIVE US A SPECIFIC DATE, THAT WE MUST BE PATIENT, BUT
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THAT HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOMETHING DEFINITE

SOON. SILBERMAN

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